

Alaska State Library  
Historical Collections

**Guide to Collection**

**Werner, Joseph R., 1910-1972, Collector**

**Joseph R. Werner Photograph Collection, 1936-1972**

**PCA 3**

7 boxes	Processed By: Ellen Fitzgerald
2 linear feet	and India Spartz
252 views (b&w, col.),	1970s & 1995
~1000 color slides (2 3/4" square), scrapbook,	Revised by: Alea Oien, 4/2009
clippings	

**ACQUISITION:** The photographs were donated in two parts. Volumes 1-3 were donated in the 1970s by Joseph R. Werner. Mrs. Jennie Werner, Seattle, WA, donated additional photographs in 1995 (Acc. No. 1995-051). A donation of color slides was received in 2002, from the estate of Karen Werner Ellis (Acc. No. 2002-32).

**ACCESS:** The collection is available for viewing; however, the images may not be photocopied.

**COPYRIGHT:** Request for permission to publish material from the collection must be discussed with the Librarian.

**PROCESSING:** The photos have been numbered and placed in Mylar sleeves. A folder level inventory of the collection is available.

## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Born in Gleeds, Washington in 1909, Joseph Werner came to Alaska to work for the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) in 1936. He started an accounting business after working ten years for the USFS. Mr. Werner helped develop sport activities like the Juneau Ski Club and baseball leagues; he organized the first Juneau Rescue Council and started the "million dollar golf course" (south of Juneau on crushed ore from the A.J. Mine, "the rock dump"). He was president of the Juneau Ski Club for two years, volunteer fireman, member of the Elks, and Pioneers of Alaska. He married Jennie Berg in Juneau in 1938 and they made Juneau their home until his death, May 8, 1972.

## SCOPE AND CONTENTS NOTE

Images of the Juneau Ski Club, activities and members are shown in the Juneau and Douglas areas, and other skiing locations outside of Alaska. Contains a folder of information gathered during the planning and construction of Juneau's golf course, "the Million Dollar Golf Course," or "Sandblasters Club" first envisioned by Werner. Images of the wreck of the Princess Kathleen are included. Additional unidentified photographs of people, hunting and boating activities ("Ourluk") were added in 1995. A collection of color slides, donated in 2002, has not been processed.

## SUBJECTS

Golf - Alaska - Juneau - Photographs  
Golf courses - Alaska - Juneau - Photographs  
Shipwrecks - Alaska - Juneau - Photographs  
Skis and Skiing - Alaska - Juneau - Photographs  
Hunting - Alaska  
Juneau Ski Club (Juneau, Alaska) - Photographs  
Princess Kathleen (Steamboat) - Photographs

## 1BINVENTORY

### Box 1

Album	Skiing With Joe Werner: Photos of skiing activities in the Juneau and Seward areas, including the ski trails and cabin on Douglas Island. Pictures of Juneau, Alaska friends labeled - Christie, Moreau, Werner, Stewart, Lundell, Rhodes, Banfield, Hientzleman, Benedict, Parsons, MacNaughton, Noble, Vanderleest, Whittier, Munson, Burford, Caro, Wirt, Winn, Clark, Liston, Simpkins and Blanton, Colonel Reigel, Governor Greening[Gruening], Ternone, Erickson, Jeffreys.
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## Folder

1. 1942-1943 report of the Outdoor Committee of the Juneau Ski Club.
2. Newspaper clippings and photos of the Juneau Golf Club ("Million Dollar Golf Club," "Sandblasters Golf Club") and the golf course on the A-J mine tailings.
3. 24 photos of the Canadian ship *Princess Kathleen* when she sank off Lena Point, 18 miles north of Juneau, in September 1952.
4. 1995 additions donated by Jennie Werner. Miscellaneous unidentified photos of people, hunting and boating activities ("Ourluk").

Boxes 2 - 7

2002 additions, from the estate of Karen Werner Ellis. ~1000 color slides of Taku River region, "Personal/Juneau", "Hunting Pics", Pelican. Some Non-Alaskana slides: Micronesia, San Francisco, Hawaii, Kauai, and Merrides. 2 magnifying slide viewing lamps [*separated from the collection – refer to master file for location.*]